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Ho-Ho Hosi!

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Friends and colleagues remember English theatre's gentleman



Hosi Vasunia, the face of English theatre in the city passed away unexpectedly on August 10. He was a great actor, a trusted and dependable friend and an absolute delight on stage. Apart from his job as Programme Director at the NCPA, he was involved with theatre (his two running plays include, The Sunshine Boys and The Rummy Game) as well as organising the annual Screen Awards for the Indian Express Group. Friends and colleagues remember the times they shared the stage and their lives with Hosi...

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Farid Currim

I was shocked to learn of his death. For years he was not only part of the theatre scene, but part of everyone's life and to learn that it will not be so anymore is unfortunate.

Dolly Thakore

He was a big part of the theatre scene and will be missed for his great sense of humour. Alyque Padamsee Hosi would be missed as a dependable friend. Hosi and Dino were a wonderful couple who set an example to all of us how a good marriage could bring joy not only to the partners but to everyone else around as well.

Feroz Khan

Hosi was one of the finest actors in English theatre and his absence is going to be a huge loss to us. He was a friend, a colleague and more than anything he was the most charming and dependable person in the fraternity. We have lost a gentleman.

Dinyar

Contractor

Hosi was a very good friend. We have worked together in a number of plays he also produced my play Cactus Flower. It is an untimely death.

Shernaz Patel

I grew up watching Vasunia on stage. I remember he would walk on the stage and the audience would start applauding.

Sabira

Merchant

I was shell shocked because just this morning I sent him an email saying that we've been invited to Pakistan for our play Rummy Game and then I got this call from his mobile. When I answered I expected Hosi to say 'Hi Sabi', and instead I got his son-in-law saying he's passed away. We've worked together since 1964. We've travelled everywhere. We were scheduled to go to Africa, Singapore and Pakistan for the play. I'm really shocked.

Rahul da Cunha

It's difficult to explain how I'm feeling right now. 'Love Letters' will be opening today and it was Hosi Vasunia who had first produced it when there was no money. He was vital to me in the early half of my career. I feel even weirder

because Rajit (Kapur) and I just spoke to him yesterday and he wished us luck for our play.

Kunal Vijaykar

We had taken the show to Kolkata. When he realised we couldn't afford to party at the Pink Elephant he paid the Rs. 300 cover charge for every member of the cast.

Mahabanoo Mody Kotwal

Calling him the master of comedy, he would manage to crack a joke, even when he was furious or upset. I used to call him Ho-Ho Hosi, because he was such a jolly person.

Lilette Dubey

Hosi was someone I never worked with. But every time I met him I saw this man with great joie de vivre and most of all, love for the theatre. He was one among the old timers who was

till date, so very passionate about his work. He always told me he wanted to work with me someday and I will forever regard him for that.

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